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Shortages of Equipment

25X1X. [REDACTED] the dismantling of plants in Germany and their removal to the USSR will somewhat relieve the existing shortage of small, medium, and large machine tools for plants of heavy machine construction in the Soviet Union. Since Germany has never been able to supply the Soviet Union with the required number of large lathes, however, this shortage will remain unless satisfied by the United States or Great Britain. Even though a large portion of the heavy machine production of the Soviet Zone of Germany, consisting mainly of small and medium lathes, is shipped to the USSR, the Soviet Union has difficulty obtaining the necessary number of large gear cutting lathes.

Shortages of Manpower

25X1X. [REDACTED] there is an acute shortage of skilled manpower in the USSR. This situation is aggravated by the tendency to build plants in remote areas where native manpower, unskilled and unfamiliar with machinery, must be used.

Industrial Capacity

3. Attached is a table of the comparative industrial capacity of plants of the Ministry of Heavy Machine Construction, expressed in percentage figures, taking the pre-war NKMZ (Novo Kramatorski Zavod Tyazheloego Mashinostroyeniya imeni Lenina) as a 100% unit. Source states that although these figures are rough estimates, compiled from his memory, taking the NKMZ as it was in 1941 (without its special war production shops #6 and #7 and the heat treatment shop on which he has no information) as a 100% unit, the attached table with only a slight possible fluctuation can probably be used to illustrate the comparative industrial capacities of these plants in 1950.

Attachment: Table of Comparative Industrial Capacity of Plants of the Ministry of Heavy Machine Construction

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